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2 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY CHIEF, WH DIVISION

SUBJECT : Shipment of Small Arms to Ambassadors Wilauer & Peurfoy

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 27 July 1954, copy attached hereto.

1. Tegucigalpa shipment:

a. The following materials were delivered to Tegucigalpa via U.S. Air Force Mission plane on 26 May:

gun, tear gas, pen type, calibre 38 -- 10
cartridge, tear gas, calibre 38 -- 50
gun, tear gas, 37 mm -- 2 (receipt acknowledged 28 June)
shell, tear gas, 37 mm -- 20 (receipt acknowledged 28 June)
vest, bullet proof -- 2

b. The following items are on hand at FJHOPEFUL and are ready for shipment to Tegucigalpa:

pistol, automatic, calibre 38 -- 10
cartridge -- pistol, calibre 38 -- 1000 rounds
carbine, calibre 30 -- 9
magazine assembly carbine -- 45
cartridge, carbine M-1 -- 3600 rounds

2. Guatemala shipment:

a. The following materials were delivered to Guatemala as indicated:

revolver, calibre 38 -- 30
ammo, calibre 38 -- 750 rounds (shipped by pouch HGGW-507,
receipt acknowledged on 11 May 1954)
grenades, tear gas -- 50 (shipped by pouch HGGW-495 on 29 April 1954)
guns, tear gas, 37 mm -- 2 ***
shells, tear gas, 37 mm -- 20 ***
bullet proof vests -- 2 ***

*** These items were delivered by U.S. Air Force Mission plane to Guatemala on flight on 26 May 1954, receipt was acknowledged on 5 July 1954.

b. The following

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b. The following items are on hand at FJHOPEFUL and are ready for shipment to Guatemala:

machine gun, calibre 30, Browning with mount -- 1
cartridge ball, MG, calibre 30 -- 5000 rounds
carbine, calibre 30 -- 9
mag assembly carbine -- 45
cartridge, carbine, calibre 30 -- 6000 rounds

3. It is recommended that Ambassador Peurfoy be requested to send a plane from the U. S. Air Mission in Guatemala to [] to pick up the materials indicated in para 1, b, and 2, b, above, for delivery to Guatemala and Tegucigalpa. The shipment for Guatemala weighs approximately 1200 pounds and the shipment for Tegucigalpa weighs approximately 800 pounds. In accordance with paragraph 1 of your memorandum dated 27 July 1954, no further action will be taken to effect shipment until so advised by you.

[]
Administrative Officer, PBS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT: Shipment of arms to Tegucigalpa

1. Ambassador Willauer has expressed extreme unhappiness with regard to our failure to deliver to him the entire arms shipment intended for the defense of American citizens. He has requested that the shipment be completed and Mr. Wisner has approved of this and requested that he be advised in writing when it has been accomplished. Therefore, find out how much arrived, where the remainder is and make plans for getting it to Tegucigalpa. When you are in possession of all the facts, please see me before starting action.

2. I anticipate some kind of reaction from Ambassador Peurifoy on the above subject when he arrives in Washington in the next few days. Therefore, please prepare a paper as to whether or not the original small arms shipment was delivered to him, what part of the large shipment arrived and where the remainder, if any, now is.

3. Mr. Wisner has approved the camera requested by Ambassador Willauer which is for the photographer of President Galvez. If the exact model originally requested is not available, Ambassador Willauer will accept a "reasonable facsimile". For your information, the camera is to appear as a personal gift from Ambassador Willauer to President Galvez.

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